

Hayward Web Site Opposes Name Change

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A petition opposing the university name change from Cal State Hayward to Cal State East Bay has been started by the city of Hayward.

The city's Web site suggests visitors go to City Hall to sign the petition or download a PDF file that family and friends can sign. The petitions must be returned to the city manager's office by Jan. 14, either in person or through the postal system.

The city decided to start the petition and a Web site dedicated to opposing the university name change after CSUH President Norma Rees made her formal announcement in October.

The city's Web site, www.yestocsuh.org, was up and

running in November and includes links to different topics regarding the name of the university. There are links to the history of CSUH, links to articles opposing the name change, and even links to articles that support the name change.

The latest link added to the Web site is of pictures of the parade that took place last month. City officials and CSUH student organizations coordinated the parade, which coincided with the university's 45th anniversary.

Since the CSU board of trustees will vote on the matter Jan. 26, links to send messages to CSU Chancellor Charles Reed and the chair of the CSU Board of Trustees, Murray Galinson, are also available. In addition, a sample letter is included.

Visitors to the Web site can

vote and add comments about the name change. The results, which are updated weekly, show that as of Jan. 3, 461 participants thought Hayward should stay in the university's name, while 41 voters said that the university should change its name.

There are almost 200 comments posted on the site, mostly by students, alumni and residents. Because the survey doesn't ask for any personal information, participants voluntarily identified themselves.

Additionally, there is a tongue-in-cheek Top Ten list of why changing the name of the university is a bad idea. Listed as the second reason: The university would have to dump the Pioneer as its mascot and change it to the Auctioneer — sold to the highest bidder, of course.